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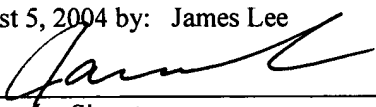
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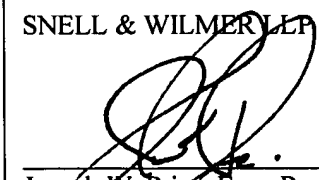
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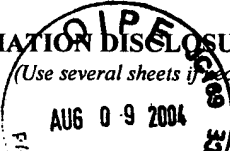

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		08-180114	12.07.1996	Japan w/English abstract			✓	
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